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**REMARKS**

**Summary of the Official Action**

The examiner has considered the detailed Reply of July 21, 2003, to be "not fully responsive to the prior Office Action." The examiner appears to be asking for a clarification as to the species corresponding to the claims elected by Applicants in the July Reply.

**RESTRICTION**

The current application is considered to contain claims directed to several distinct species, with election required between the species as set forth below:

**Restriction 1**

Elect one of either:

- Species A: Direct attachment of power supply to lineset; OR
- Species B: Indirect attachment of power supply to lineset.

**Restriction 2a, if Species A, then . . .**

Elect one of either:

- Species C: Fuel Cell;
- Species D.: AC power means; or
- Species E: Battery.

AND, one of either:

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|---|---------------------------------|
| -Species K: Valve;                      | -Species R: Applicant specified |
| -Species L: Flow sensor;                | combination of Species          |
| -Species M: Pump;                       | K, L, M, N, O, P, and           |
| -Species N: Pressure Sensor;            | Q.                              |
| -Species O: Feedback control input;     |                                 |
| -Species P: Biological status sensor;   |                                 |
| -Species Q: Applicant specified closed- |                                 |
| loop type sensor; or                    |                                 |

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Restriction 2b, if Species B, then . . .

Elect one of either:

- Species I: Low temperature fuel cell; or
- Species J: Reaction type fuel cell.
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Restriction 3, if Species C, then . . .

Elect one of either:

- Species I: Low temperature fuel cell; or
- Species J: Reaction type fuel cell.

Restriction 4, if Species J, then . . .

Elect one of either:

- Species F: Frangible membrane;
- Species G: Tear seal; or
- Species H: Both a frangible membrane and a tear seal.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicants provisionally elect, for prosecution on the merits, Species **A**, **C**, **M**, and **I**, which correspond to Claims 1, 4, 6-14, 16-18, 24, 26, 27, 37, 39-42, 45-47, 50 and 58.

**Non-Elected Claims:**

Applicants request that the remaining non-elected claims, Claims 2, 3, 5, 15, 19-23, 25, 28-36, 38, 43, 44, 48, 49 and 51-57 be withdrawn from consideration without prejudice.

Applicants understand that should any generic claims be finally held allowable, then the species of the withdrawn claims will be considered allowable as well.

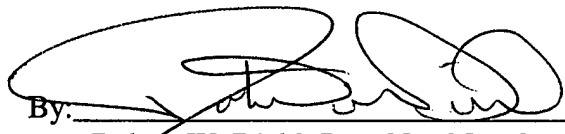
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If it would expedite the progress of this Application through the examination process, the Examiner is authorized to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 17, 2003

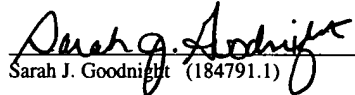
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